



# Encounter

VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

*A living, vibrant  
faith community*

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## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Our vision is to build a faith community, centred on the loving relationship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, expressed in personal lives and in communal Parish activities.

### IT IS OUR MISSION TO:

- Endeavour to develop relevant and prayerful Eucharistic celebrations.
- Foster the experience of a personal relationship with God.
- Provide faith formation opportunities for parishioners.
- Care for each other and the environment, particularly the sick, lonely, aged and disabled within our Parish.
- Care for our environment towards a sustainable future.

### WE WILL:

- Reach out to those in need in the local community.
- Be committed to Catholic Social Justice principles.
- Pray and work together with Christian Churches and all people of goodwill.
- Protect and engage with young people in our local area.
- Strengthen bonds with indigenous people in our region.

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## MASS TIMES

- **VICTOR HARBOR**  
Weekend - Saturday 6.00pm;  
Sunday 11.00am.  
Weekdays - Tuesday, Thursday,  
Friday 9.00am
- **GOOLWA**  
Weekend - Sunday 9.00am.  
Weekday - Wednesday 9.30am



### FIRST READING

*Wisdom 2:12, 17-20*

The godless say to themselves:

‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

‘Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God’s son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.’

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Ps 53:3-6, 8*

*The Lord upholds my life.*

### SECOND READING

*James 3:16-4:3*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and

wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn’t it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven’t got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don’t have what you want is because you don’t pray for it; when you do pray and don’t get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*2 Thess 2:14*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!* (Continued page 4)



# Bulletin Board



### SPECIAL INTENTIONS (These names will be removed after one month. To keep names on this list please contact Parish Office)

Barbara Bond, John Wallace, Margaret Langtry, Claire Hamish, Brian Smallacombe, Barry Wilks, Bailey Smallacombe, Russell Crichton, Bill Longworth, Mark & Lola Kelly, Peter Harris, Josephine Proctor, Jen Jeffery, Charlie Nicolson, Bette Higgins, Paula Collinson, June Lloyd, Ann Tee, Emily Slattery, Shona Edwards, Eileen McCoe, Carmen Kernahan, Tanya Schindler, Freya Schindler

### ANNIVERSARIES

Adrian Langtry, Mary Siciliano.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Cass Le Poidevin

### PARISH COLLECTION 11th & 12th September

1st (Presbytery) \$760.35  
2nd (Parish) \$963.80

### VICTOR ALTAR ROSTER

**24th September**  
J. & P. Mezzino  
**1st & 8th October**  
M. Farmer & C. Pearsons  
**15th & 22nd October**  
W. & J. Baker

### VICTOR MORNING TEA

**19th September**  
J & W. Baker  
**26th September**  
A. Williss & R. Reid

### VICTOR MEET & GREET

**September Saturdays**  
M. Farmer & H. Anderson  
**September Sundays**  
R. Reid & F. Harris

### GOOLWA MEET & GREET

**September**  
R. Sadlon

### ST JOHN'S MUSIC GROUP

Practice time 2pm Wednesday  
Call Claire Williams 0429 008 199

### THE HOLY FATHER'S 2021 PRAYER INTENTIONS: SEPTEMBER

**Universal Intention:**  
**An environmentally sustainable lifestyle.** We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



### CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING COMMUNITY

We meet with Lectio Divina (Scripture reflection) and meditation on Monday afternoons at 4.30pm. Please contact Anne Weygood for details. 0429 653 844

### CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMUNITY

Group meets fortnightly on Mondays 2-4pm. Phone Rob & Jocelyne Randabel - Williamson 0402 341 071

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### REMINDER

**Please be aware that the Annex is NOT to be used to exit after Saturday night Mass, as it has been recently left open overnight**

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### NEW PPC MEMBERS

Some current PPC members will complete their membership. We are now calling for new members to replace them. It is a **two year commitment with monthly meetings.**

We now invite parishioners to nominate others or self-nomination is accepted. Please give names to Paul Kennelly (Goolwa) or Father Vinh (Victor Harbor). After nomination, you have an opportunity to discern before you commit yourself to it.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**Visit Mark and Vicki's farm in Waitpinga and see sustainable agriculture at work.**

**Friday 1st October.** Meet in St Joan's back car park at 10.00 to car pool. Bring lunch and your own water container.

**Put your name on sheet in Church foyers or register with Fran on 0415 124 010.**

**Please let us know by Mon. 27th Sept.**

The agencies supported by Catholic Charities are:

- **Hutt St Centre**
- **SA Catholic Deaf Association**
- **Aboriginal Catholic Ministry**
- **Our Lady of La Vang & St Patrick's Special Schools**
- **Centacare Catholic Family Services**

*You will find envelopes on the seats.*

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Mark 9:35*

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us do not like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy" from the words "sacer"=sacred and "facere"=to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, phone calls, visits and cards during Gemma's recovery from a fall and surgery. Bill and Gemma

### SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA

**Feast Day 23rd September (1887 - 1968)**



Padre Pio, a farmer's son, was born in Pietrelcina, Italy. He joined the Capuchin Friars at sixteen and was ordained a priest in 1910. For fifty years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotundo he was a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor who devoted his life to the Eucharist and prayer. While praying before a cross on September 20, 1918, Padre Pio received the stigmata. He is the first priest ever to be so blessed. Today there are over 400,000 members worldwide in prayer groups begun by Padre Pio in the 1920s.

In 1956 he founded the House for the Relief of Suffering, a hospital that serves 60,000 a year. Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968 at age 81. *Catholic Culture*



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**25th SUNDAY IN ORD.TIME, YR.B**

*The Lord upholds my life.*

O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayer;  
listen to the words of my mouth.

For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God.

But I have God for my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good.



## SAINTS ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PAUL CHONG HA-SANG & COMPANIONS

**Feast Day 20th September**



During the 17th century the Christian faith was brought to Korea by lay persons. Many of these Christians suffered martyrdom

during the 19th century. Among the most notable were Andrew Kim Taegon, the first Korean priest, and the lay apostle, Paul Chong Hasang; they were canonized by Pope John Paul II on May 6, 1984. Today's feast honours a group of 103 martyrs including religious and heroic laity of all ages. *Catholic Culture*

## SAINT MATTHEW

**Feast Day 21st September**

Matthew was a publican ( a tax-collector) for the Romans. Publicans were regarded by the Pharisees as

sinners, not allowed to trade, eat, or pray with other Jews. One day, while Matthew was seated at his table of books and money, Jesus looked at him and said two words: "Follow me." Matthew rose, leaving his pieces of silver to follow Christ. His new name in Christ, Matthew, means "Gift of God." St. Matthew was the first to write down our Lord's teaching and the account of His life.



## SEASONS OF CREATION



### Week 3. Fruits

The quandong is an Australian native plant. We are gradually coming to appreciate our native plants, our "bush tucker".

The most popular fruit in Australia is the banana.

Next Week 4 – Vegetables including herbs. Bring along to share

### CAN YOU TAKE THIS PLEDGE REQUESTED BY POPE FRANCIS?

**Below are ideas sent in by parishioners**

*I pledge to:*

#### 1) Pray for and with creation

Thank God daily for his creation

#### 2) Live more simply

*"There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions." Pope Francis*

#### Tips from parishioners

**Coffee grounds** are rich in potassium and nitrogen but first mix with organic or seasoned manure before lightly forking into the garden. Great for acidic plants especially roses and strawberries but not tomatoes!

**Broken up egg shells** are great to keep snails and slugs away. Just make a circle of the shells around the plant foliage.

**Saving water** When we want hot water we may not have it instantly hot. And instead of running off the cold water down the plug hole - catch the cold water in a bucket or a two litre plastic recyclable milk bottle. Use the water on the garden! It is amazing how much water we can save and help the garden!

**Potted Cyclamen** loses its leaves. Dig a hole wider and deeper than the pot in a well drained and shady spot. Make sure the drainage holes in the base of the pot are well open before placing it in the hole. The top soil should be at the same level as the soil in the pot and not watered. The cyclamen will regenerate its leaves early in the next winter if kept moist.

#### Attention DIY painters!

**Goolwa Waste and Recycling Depot** now accepts a variety of unwanted paint products through the Paintback program, which repurposes the paint for a variety of industrial applications and recycles paint tins.

#### 3) Speak up to protect our common home

### This Week : 18th & 19th September

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**

**Commentator:** J. Ryan

**R.1** M. Farmer

**R.2** L. Blacket

**E.M.** C. Sutherland

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**

**Commentator :** P. O'Brien

**R.1.** P. Clingan

**R.2** J. Tregagle

**E.M** M. Cunningham

**GOOLWA Sunday 9.00am**

**Commentator:** A. Fawkner

**R1** K. Fawkner

**R2** J. McMahon

**E.M.** A. Turner



### Next Week : 25th & 26th September

**VICTOR HARBOR 6.00pm**

**Commentator:** F. Hanna

**R.1** C. Sutherland

**R.2** M. Farmer

**E.M.** E. O'Shaughnessy

**VICTOR HARBOR 11.00am**

**Commentator :** R. Klecko

**R.1.** P. Clingan

**R.2** A. Rose

**E.M** M. Taylor

**GOOLWA Sunday 9.00am**

**Commentator:** V. Scriva

**R1** Marie Riddle

**R2** Michael Riddle

**E.M.** M. Glazewski

## COMPLIANCE WITH COVID-19 REGULATIONS

(Current from 9 September, 2021)

- Places of Worship are restricted to 3 people per 4 square metres with social distancing of 1.5 metres. The number of people at a Private Activity has increased from 50 people to 150 people, provided density requirements are met. If more than 50 people are present, there must be an independent COVID Marshal. QR codes and/or handwritten logs are essential.
- Wearing of masks is mandatory. Wearing of masks in parish offices is strongly recommended.
- Attendees at indoor religious services may sing during worship and members of choirs or chorus groups may perform or rehearse indoors, if they wear masks while doing so.
- Obligation for Sunday Mass for the laity HAS NOT BEEN RE-INVOKED at this stage. You may wish to access: [Mass for You at Home – The official website of Mass For You At Home, Australia](#) online and on Channel 10 every Sunday at 6 am.

## VICTOR HARBOR/GOOLWA CATHOLIC PARISH HOUSE

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## PARISH TEAM CONTACTS

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- **PARISH MANAGERS**  
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- **PARISH NEWSLETTER**  
Please forward items for the newsletter to the Parish Office - ph 8552 1084 or [catholicvhg@bigpond.com](mailto:catholicvhg@bigpond.com) (All items for the newsletter by Wednesday evening)
- **PARISH TREASURER**  
Mr Merv Mallett (0412 103 443)  
Email: [Parish\\_treasure@bigpond.com](mailto:Parish_treasure@bigpond.com)
- **CHILD PROTECTION**  
Child Protection Unit (8210 8159)  
Goolwa (Cathy May 0401 584 237)  
Victor Harbor (Parish Office 8552 1084)
- **CSHW SA (Safety, Health & Welfare)**  
Parish (Cathy May 0401 584 237)

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## GOSPEL

**Mark 9:30-37**

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

## BACKGROUND ON

### TODAY'S GOSPEL READING

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behaviour. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum,

Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.

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## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

(September 20 - 26)

- **Monday, 20:** Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gön (Ezra 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18)
- **Tuesday, 21:** St Matthew (Prov 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21)
- **Wednesday, 22:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Ezra 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6)
- **Thursday, 23:** St Pius of Pietrelcina (Haggai 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9)
- **Friday, 24:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Haggai 1:15 - 2:9; Lk 9:18-22)
- **Saturday, 25:** Weekday, Ord Time 25 (Zech 2:5-9, 14-15; Lk 9:43-45)
- **Sunday 26:** 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORD TIME (Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48)



## PASTORAL CARE

If you need a Priest for anointing of the sick or last rites contact: Noarlunga/Seaford (8382 1717), Willunga (0488 287 552), Victor Harbor/Goolwa (8552 1084), Kangaroo Island (0418 819 078).